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Dear Mr. Broomhead:

Thank you for your letter of December 12, 1995, with comments on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Taking the time to relay your thoughts on this aspect of our Program is truly appreciated and we apologize for the delay in our reply.

It is important to note that, in a complex system such as the Bay-Delta, problems and objectives are not independent and self-contained. Relationships, or linkages, exist between all areas. For example, the amount and timing of fresh water flowing into the Bay-Delta affects water quality, and consequently the health of the ecosystem. Reducing the winter flows could make water available for use at times of need. A possible use may be to improve water quality during dry and critical periods. The fish and wildlife of the San Francisco Bay need good water quality to sustain a healthy population. The actual "excess" water captured is a small percentage of the high flows. Heavy run-offs during winter months brings an infusion of nutrients into the bay and ocean and will still occur under any alternative.

Urban storm water management is a core action. As a core action it is included as an element of all CALFED Bay-Delta Program alternatives. Water conservation measures and conjunctive use are also core actions and are included in all of the alternatives.

Again, we thank you and appreciate your interest in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and we look forward to your continued involvement in this important effort. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow, Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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